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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))**

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Exhibit B	ADC Telecommunications, Inc.; FiberGuide™, Fiber Management System, 6 pages front and back printed.	
Exhibit C	Warren & Brown Technologies Pty. Ltd., Fibre Optic Management Systems, Component Selection Guide, 19 pages of product information. Source: <a href="http://www.warrenandbrown.com.au">www.warrenandbrown.com.au</a> .	
Exhibit D	Panduit Network Connectivity Group, FiberRunner™ 6x4 Routing System Product Brochure, 2 pages, © Panduit Corp. 2000.	
Exhibit E	Panduit Corp. FiberRunner™ 4x4 Quiklock™ Coupler (FRBC4X4) Customer Drawing, 1 page, 07/13/2001.	
Exhibit F	Panduit Corp. FiberRunner™ 6x4 Quiklock™ Coupler (FRBC6X4) Customer Drawing, 1 page, 05/10/2000.	
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Exhibits H-M	Photographs of various Panduit products.	

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